NEW & RE-APPLYING ASSOCIATION RULE

INTRODUCTION

The VJBL invites Basketball Associations affiliated with Basketball Victoria to make application to become a member of the league.

It is imperative that any 'New Association' or 'Re-Applying Association (that didn't participate in previous championship season)' that are seeking entry into the league has the necessary support structure that will allow it to grow and become an active contributor to the league and basketball in Victoria.

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide a framework of criteria and standards upon which eligibility for membership of the VJBL can be assessed and ongoing performance reviews can be based.

These standards are set for the benefit of all members, and allow the league to function effectively, protect its interests and continue to improve.

The VJBL holds strongly to the principle that Associations that are strong off-court will be sustainable and strong on-court.

The Junior Representative Commission (JRC) will use the following Conditions of Entry Document as a basic level guide in considering applications. This document is not exhaustive and flexibility may be granted at the discretion of the Panel.

GUIDELINES

The VJBL sets exacting standards of its membership, which include but are not limited to:

- Detailed Venue Requirements (consideration will be given to location, size, cost, safety standards)
- Full compliance with hosting procedures (Refer to Rules of Operation)
- Compulsory attendance at all League meetings (minimum three per year)
- Strict adherence to league deadlines in relation to administrative requirements and payments
- Must enter a minimum of 4 teams and demonstrate the ability to sustain and support your entered teams, through feeder/domestic programs along with coaching and referee requirements. (The JRC – Commission, may allow less teams in exceptional circumstances)
- Demonstrate ability to meet referee requirements
- Acknowledge the travel policy implemented by the VJBL where games that require travel exceeding 210kms each way, be placed at neutral venues.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

APPLICATION DEADLINE

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APPLICATION FORMAT

The expression of interest needs to be a formal letter that may be emailed to the VJBL Manager. This process allows the league to immediately seek reference from BV and initiate venue inspections.

The Expression of Interest must contain a formal written application. Details of what must be included in your written application are enclosed in Appendix A. (see below)

If the required criteria and standards are met then the applicant may be asked to speak on their submission at a Commissioners Meeting.

ENTRY FEES

The VJBL imposes a fee per team for entry into the competition. This fee is charged in two parts, the first will be for Grading and the second for the Championship Season.

This fee includes all league provided services such as:

1. Administration and League Office Management
2. League promotion and marketing tools (i.e. Website)

3. Referees travel and development costs
4. Any additional development programs that are implemented from year to year

APPLICATION ASSESSMENT

In the first instance a sub-group of the Commission, will review the application and provide detailed feedback. This will include a formal and detailed venue inspection.

This group may seek further information, or may ask that you modify your submission.

At this point the sub-group will make a recommendation to the JRC Commissioners. The Commissioners will then make a final decision on your application.

APPENDIX A - YOUR WRITTEN APPLICATION

Part 1, the Open Application, will focus on three main areas.

1. Your Association and its members
2. Supporting Structures, (domestic, referee program, coaching program)
3. Venue and the Community

YOUR ASSOCIATION AND ITS MEMBERS

	PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FOLLOWING
Association Contact	Who will be the Association Contact – the person who interacts with the league in the management of your program and why are they suitable to take on this role?
Other key program Staff	Do you have staff members who will be at your venue on a Friday night in the following capacity: Venue Supervisor, Referee Supervisor
Feeder programs	Where do you expect you will draw you player base from?

SUPPORTING STRUCTURES (domestic, referee program, coaching program)

	PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FOLLOWING
Referees	Does your Association have a TOC (VBRA) Branch? Does your Association have a TOC (VBRA) referee's coach? How many referees are members of your branch?
Coaching	What coaching model do you have to support your coaches? ie. Director of Coaching, or Lead Coach etc. Do you have a Coaching Development pathway ie. courses, camps etc.
History	Provide a brief history of your Basketball Association, what it has achieved and at what levels your teams have played previously.

YOUR VENUE AND YOUR COMMUNITY

PROVIDE A BRIEF ON YOUR VENUE AND OTHER ASPECTS OF YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY THAT IMPACT ON YOUR PROPOSED PROGRAM	
Venue Control	Who manages and owns your venue? If it is not you, what are the impediments to your use of the venue on a Friday evening? If it is not you, can you obtain a letter from the Venue Management group assuring you priority access on a Friday evening as required by the league ie. 6.30pm -11.00pm?
Venue Apparatus	Provide a brief outline of the venue. How many courts are available? Is all equipment already in place? (How many scoreboards? Are shot clocks installed, etc.)? What is the seating capacity? Do you have internet access at the venue? What parking is available? What first aid provisions are available? Does your court/s meet FIBA regulation in terms of size and markings?